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IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing of claims, in the Application.

Listing of claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method of limiting ~~an application program's usage~~ a daily usage of an application program by a user comprising the steps of:

~~executing the application program;~~

~~concurrently~~ starting a timer upon first execution of the application program by the user on a day; and

stopping execution of the application program if when the timer registers a time equal or greater than to a pre-determined time; and

resetting the timer the following day.

2. (Original) The method of Claim 1 further comprising the step of ascertaining whether the user is permitted to use the application program before executing the application program.

3. (Original) The method of Claim 2 wherein the step of ascertaining whether the user is allowed to use the application program further comprising the step of

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ensuring that there is not a time interval restriction.

4. (Original) The method of Claim 3 further comprising the step of making sure that the time interval has elapsed before the user is allowed to use the application program if there is a time interval restriction.
5. (Original) The method of Claim 4 wherein the pre-determined time is determined by an administrator.
6. (Currently amended) A computer program product on a computer readable medium for limiting ~~an application program's usage~~ a daily usage of an application program by a user comprising:

~~code means for executing the application program;~~

code means for ~~concurrently~~ starting a timer upon first execution of the application program by the user on a day; and

code means for stopping execution of the application program ~~if~~ when the timer registers a time equal ~~or greater than~~ to a pre-determined time; and

code means for resetting the timer the following day.

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7. (Original) The computer program product of Claim 6 further comprising code means for ascertaining whether the user is permitted to use the application program before executing the application program.
8. (Original) The computer program product of Claim 7 wherein the code means for ascertaining whether the user is allowed to use the application program further comprising code means for ensuring that there is not a time interval restriction.
9. (Original) The computer program product of Claim 8 further comprising code means for making sure that the time interval has elapsed before the user is allowed to use the application program if there is a time interval restriction.
10. (Original) The computer program product of Claim 9 wherein the pre-determined time is determined by an administrator.
11. (Currently amended) An apparatus for limiting ~~an application program's usage~~ a daily usage of an application program by a user comprising:

~~means for executing the application program;~~

means for concurrently starting a timer upon first execution of the application program by the user on a day; and

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means for stopping execution of the application program ~~if~~ when the timer registers a time equal or ~~greater than~~ to a pre-determined time; and

means for resetting the timer the following day.

12. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 11 further comprising means for ascertaining whether the user is permitted to use the application program before executing the application program.
13. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 12 wherein the means for ascertaining whether the user is allowed to use the application program further comprising means for ensuring that there is not a time interval restriction.
14. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 13 further comprising means for making sure that the time interval has elapsed before the user is allowed to use the application program if there is a time interval restriction.
15. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 14 wherein the pre-determined time is determined by an administrator.
16. (Currently amended) A computer system for limiting ~~an application program's usage~~ a daily usage of an application program by a user comprising:

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at least one ~~memory~~ storage device for storing code data; and

at least one processor for processing the code data to ~~execute the application program, to concurrently start~~ a timer upon first execution of the application program by the user on a day, and to stop execution of the application program if when the timer registers a time equal ~~or greater than~~ to a pre-determined time, and to reset the timer the following day.

17. (Original) The computer system of Claim 16 wherein the processor further processes the code data to ascertain whether the user is permitted to use the application program before executing the application program.
18. (Original) The computer system of Claim 17 wherein the processor further processes the code data to ensure that there is not a time interval restriction.
19. (Original) The computer system of Claim 18 wherein the processor further processes the code data to make sure that the time interval has elapsed before the user is allowed to use the application program if there is a time interval restriction.
20. (Original) The computer system of Claim 19 wherein the pre-determined time is determined by an administrator.

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